

# TRARALGON COLLEGE NEWS

## Principal's News

### Stronger Standards, safer children

Victoria's Child Safe Standards are a set of mandatory requirements to protect children and young people from harm and abuse.

The Child Safe Standards commenced in Victoria in January 2016. Recent changes have been made to make our Standards even stronger. The new Child Safe Standards came into force on 1 July 2022 and organisations including schools are now required to comply with these new Standards.

The new Standards set out minimum requirements and outline the actions organisations must take to keep children and young people safe.

Although similar to Victoria's current Child Safe Standards, key changes include new requirements:

- to involve families and communities in organisations' efforts to keep children and young people safe
- for a greater focus on safety for Aboriginal children and young people
- to manage the risk of child abuse in online environments
- in relation to governance, systems and processes to keep children and young people safe.

To ensure that we as a school are compliant with the new Child Safety Standards we have reviewed our Child Safety Policies. These policies were recently approved by school council and have been updated on our school website. To view these policies visit:

<https://www.traralsc.vic.edu.au/about-policies/>

If you would like to discuss any of these policies or have any feedback regarding the policies please contact the College on 5176 2240.



*Growing together as adaptable, confident, successful learners and citizens*

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### Student Spotlight Amanda Early 8G

Shakespeare Street Campus Vice Captain Amanda is a Breakfast Club volunteer and has made the fantastic new sign.

Great Work Amanda!

Year 11 HHD are starting their egg parenting project. They have decorated, named and started taking care of their egg. This project will be going for a week. Here is a photo of the parents and their babies.

## Grey Steet Campus

Senior Course selection is an incredibly important process for a student entering their Senior Years of secondary schooling. To support this process we provide information through our senior information evening and ongoing support via subject Teachers, Careers team, Year Level Leaders and Course Counselling.

We would encourage all current year 10 students and their parents/carers to attend our Senior Information Evening, current Year 9 students considering an early start VCE/VM and any students currently enrolled in the intermediate VCAL to also attend.

Participation in Course counselling interviews is required of all current year 10 students to ensure the subjects they select align to their chosen pathway or provide the necessary pre-requisites for their desired University Course. We will provide course counselling to students currently enrolled in the intermediate VCAL to ensure a seamless transition into the VCE Vocational Major (VM). Course counselling is recommended for students who are planning to change their VCE subject selections at the end of year 11 or have changed the University Course they are aiming to access.

Course counselling information will be delivered next week but save the date as course counselling will occur on Monday August 15<sup>th</sup> and bookings will occur via compass. Current Year 10 students will not have scheduled classes on this date and there will be opportunities to book course counselling interviews to occur outside of normal school hours. We would highly recommend Parents and Carers to attend these course counselling interviews with your children for guidance and support in this very important time of decision making around education futures.

Our middle school students this week participated in a presentation provided by the Pat Cronin foundation. The 'Be Wise' presentation focussed on the devastating impacts of the coward's punch on victims, perpetrators and all families. It was an insightful and well received presentation that had our students reflecting and thinking honestly about the hidden dangers of violence and aggression. Violence towards others is never something to be celebrated, the power of this program was the capacity to show the impact on all involved, no body benefits from a cowards punch and nobody wins when violence becomes the method of resolving conflict.

## Building Update

Work is progressing on the new Middle School and Admin buildings. Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August and Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August will be big days as the concrete slabs will be getting poured. On these days that service lane on Grey Street will be closed.



ClarkeHopkinsClarke are pleased to advise that we are entering the Traralgon College VCE Centre into the 2022 Victorian School Design Awards.



### 2023 SENIOR INFORMATION EVENING

**Tuesday 9th August**  
6:00pm - 8:00pm  
Grey Street Campus VCE Centre



Presentation of VCE course offerings as well as key information related to VCE Vocational Major (VM) and Victorian Pathways Certificate (VPC) that are replacing the VCAL Program in 2023.

There will be a presentation from 6.10 pm mapping a pathway to VCE success and explaining the new Vocational Major embedded into the VCE and the Victorian Pathways Certificate.

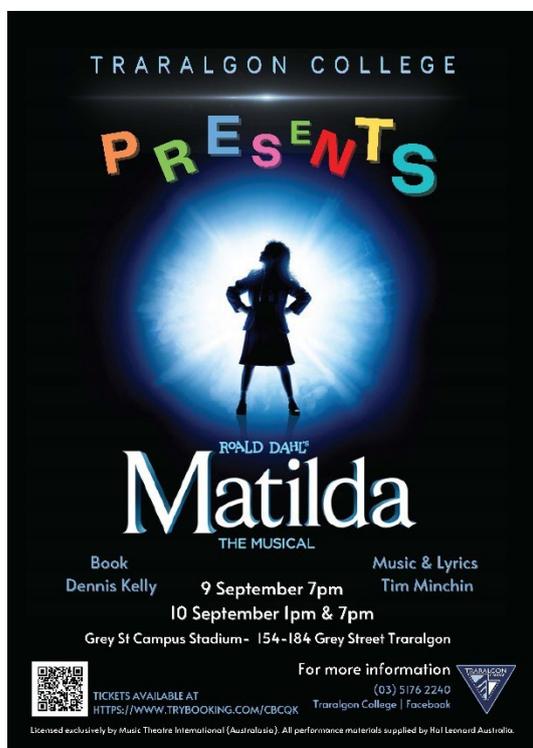
This will be an opportunity to become informed around senior course selection and ask any questions that you may have around senior course selection.

Careers advisors, local employers, local tertiary options, and Traralgon College teachers will be available for you to connect with after the presentation in an expo style setting so you can enquire about individual subjects, pathway opportunities and employment futures.



## Shakespeare Street Campus

At the Shakespeare Street Campus we have commenced our Adolescent Building Connections Programs (ABC) for the term. The ABC program is run in conjunction with Quantum Support Services. The ABC program is designed to provide the skills, understanding and learnings to encourage positive change in adolescents, to form healthy and respectful relationships in their lives. ABC is a 10 week, small group program where the qualified facilitators lead discussion and activities that focus on healthy and respectful relationships, empathy, active listening, non violent communication, mediation and resilience.



## Wellbeing Corner

Jaz Rixon our College Chaplain runs Breakfast Club at each campus with the assistance of our students. Jaz is new to our College Wellbeing Team but has already done wonders with our Breakfast Club Program for 2022. Make sure you swing by for some toast, fresh fruit and a hot Milo!



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## Important Dates

Events	
Professional Practice Day – Student Free	2 August
Parent, Teacher, Student Conferences	17 August
Student Free Day	26 August
General Achievement Test (GAT)	7 September
College Production “Matilda”	9 & 10 September
Debutant Balls	15 & 16 September

School Camps	Start	End
College Ski Camp	3 August	5 August

Outdoor Ed	Start	End
VCE Ski Camp	1 August	3 August

Excursion	
Year 12 IT Science Works	18 August

School Sports	
Gippsland Regional Netball	4 August

2023 Course Selection Dates	
VCE Course Information Night	9 August
Year 10 Course Counselling Day	15 August
Year 11 & 12 Course Selections Due	19 August
Year 9 & 10 Course Selections Due	2 September



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